



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

30th January 2026

As we reach the end of January, I want to take a moment to thank all our parents and carers for the support you've given during these first few weeks of the new term.

Our Year 11 students are full of excitement as they prepare to head out for their work experience placements over the next couple of weeks. It's a fantastic opportunity for them, and we're incredibly proud of the maturity and enthusiasm they've shown while getting ready.

Next Monday is Number Day, and we look forward to seeing the children come in dressed in digits, numbers, or anything maths-inspired, along with a voluntary £1 contribution in support of the NSPCC. Also on Monday, we're delighted to welcome St Francis Animal Care, who will be bringing some very special visitors — hedgehogs! Pupils from Badgers through to Year 8 will have the chance to meet them and learn more about their care and habitats. With just a couple of weeks left before half term, there's lots to look forward to, and we thank you as always for being such a vital part of our school community.

Mrs Smale, Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 2nd February – Number Day (Dress up for Digits - £1 donation for NSPCC)

Monday 2nd – Friday 13th February – Year 11 Work experience

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th February – Year 9 Residential

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half term

Monday 9th March – Careers Fair from 1pm

Wednesday 11th March – Parent Consultations

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring term, 1.30pm finish

Monday 13th April – Inset day

Tuesday 14th April – First day of Summer term

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Breakfast Club Tasting Week – 2.2.2026

Important Update (Op Eastville Letter)

Incident in Stoke Park – Monday 19 January

Work Experience – Year 11

Number Day – Monday 2nd February

Year 9 Sayers Croft Residential – 11-13th February 2026

AMAZON WISH LIST

A big thank you to the parents and carers who have purchased items from our Amazon wish list so far. We have just updated it with some wonderful new items so please take a look.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/HLH16NVYVLGU>

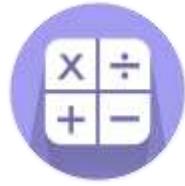
LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to name all your children's items of clothing, water bottles and bags. We cannot return items that are unnamed. Thank you!

This half term has started with very cold, wet weather but that has not stopped Badger Class from learning!



We have been using our Learning Together Learning Habit in all areas of our learning.



We used it in Maths as we learnt to add numbers together by playing different Maths games. We used it in PSHE, while we were trying different healthy foods for our Healthy Life topic and we used it when we shared stories together.



BADGERS



B A D G E R S

We have also been using our [Exploring Learning Habit](#) this half term as we explored the weather by making rain gauges and windsocks, in Music, when we used African drumming in a call and response song and in our 'Up in the Sky' topic when we tried out our viewfinders.





SQUIRRELS

Squirrels class have been learning the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' they have created a story map, added actions and performed it to other classes. They have started to learn about similes and other literary features we can use to make our writing even more interesting. They demonstrated their **Learning Together** and **Listening** habits.

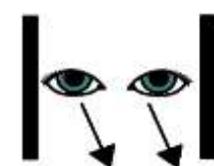


In History we have been learning about 'medicine through time' so far, we have met Florence Nightingale, interviewed Marie Curie and created an advert explaining why getting a vaccination from Edward Jenner was a good idea.



S Q U I R R E L S

In DT we have been focusing on cooking and have been exploring our new bakehouse area at school which has been amazing! So far, we have made crumpet pizzas and courgette pinwheels. Home made chicken nuggets are on the menu for next week. We have learned about food hygiene including how to store different foods and the importance of washing our hands and keeping our cooking station clean.



In maths we have been learning about addition and this week, we have been challenging ourselves to tackle lots of problem-solving questions by breaking them down step by step and using a range of resources to support us. Our previous learning on tens and ones has come in very handy when exploring the answers! We are very excited about number day next week.



This week we also celebrated Sammy's birthday –Happy Birthday Sammy 😊



Gosden House School

Bramley, Guildford

Super Draw

Win a Luxury City Break, or £1,000 cash!



About our cause

Welcome to Gosden House School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children – we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Yours sincerely

Your PTA TEAM

£395.20 of £1040.00 target

19 tickets of 50 ticket goal

[Buy tickets](#)

[Share our lottery](#)

Next draw prizes

£25,000 jackpot

£5.70 guaranteed prize (this will go up as tickets are sold)

Next draw

1d 8h 51m

Sat 5 April 2025



[Support Gosden House School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

This half term, we have been focusing on team development tasks and getting to know our new tutor. We have taken part in a range of activities that developed our memory, communication, and leadership skills



In P.E., we have been developing our agility and reaction times using BlazePods, a cool new piece of equipment introduced during our lessons. In Dance, we have been practising good posture while focusing on flexibility and learning the basic movements of dance.

During Science lessons, we have been learning about gravity and the speed at which objects fall to the ground. We have also discussed the importance of wind power and how it can be an effective way of moving objects.



In English, we have been studying non-fiction texts and learning how to identify key organisational features. We have also begun researching key facts about our favourite animals.

This week we continued working on our travel training skills by taking part in our second outing using public transport. We are lucky enough to take part in this trips thanks to the Try a Train scheme, who provide workshops and supported trips on public transport free of charge.



This time we were exploring bigger train stations and looking at how to change trains to reach our final destination. First of all we headed to Guildford station where we all got the opportunity to buy our own tickets using either the machine or speaking to a member of staff at the ticket office. We then got the train to Reading, a very big station with 15 platforms! Here we had to navigate escalators and practised asking members of staff where our platform was. Our final destination was Slough as we had decided we would like to see the high speed trains. These trains travel at 125 mph, we couldn't believe how fast they went! After having our lunch we headed back to school the way we came, all feeling much more confident about taking a more complicated journey by public transport.



"I loved chatting to my friends on the way" - Louisa

"The trip was fun because I faced my fears on the escalator" - Josh

"I learnt to buy a ticket" - Kevin

"I asked new questions to the staff" - Madiha





Work Experience Placements – Year 11 2026

This is what our wonderful Year 11 students are getting up to in the world of work, starting next Monday 2nd February for 2 weeks.

Venue	Job Role
Dorking Library	Library Assistant
The Hive Community Centre	Community Wellbeing Volunteer
Gosden House	Site Managers Assistant
K9 Development Centre	Canine Carer
KJ Hair Design	Hairdresser's Assistant
Cats Protection	Feline Welfare Volunteer
Waitrose	Customer Service Assistant
Red Cross Charity Shop	Volunteer
Lush	Customer Service Assistant
The Forge on the Green Café	Assistant Barista
Fridays – Gosden House	Mel's Kitchen Assistant

Date for Secondary students



On Monday 9th March, we will host our annual careers fair in the hall from 1.00pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for our secondary students (and year 6) to come along and see some of the different jobs and ask some questions.

If anyone knows of any businesses/employers who would be willing to help us with work experience opportunities, short Q & A sessions with students and visits I would love to reach out.

Carwarden House School
invite you to our
SEND SPECIFIC CAREERS FAIR

On Tuesday 10th February 2026
At Camberley Theatre 10am - 2pm

- Quiet Zone available
- Refreshments on Sale
- Parking at Knoll Road public car park
- Drop off at Main Reception
- Accessible facilities in the building
- Open to all KS4 and Post 16 year groups

At this event attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local colleges, employers and service providers.
If you are an employer that would like to have a stand at this event please email: sarahine.spear@carwarden.surrey.sch.uk

Parents/Carers, students, schools, general public are all invited.
If you are a school attending please scan the QR code to book your slot.

SCAN ME

Carwarden House, one of our feeder Sixth Forms, are holding a SEND specific careers fair on the 10th February if anyone is interested in going along to have a look. I am sure it will be brilliant and very informative.

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 'Gosden Toolbox' and successfully collecting 10 'Life Tools'.

Developing these 'Life Tools' will help them now and also prepare them for their exciting future pathways.

Year 7

Lucy F
Tyler Fraser
Emily S
George L

Year 9H

Finley C
Safa A

Year 10

Archie G

Year 11

Mahla M





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half term activities

Spark your child's imagination and creativity and dive into our programme of fun events and activities

Mon 16 February - Screen Print a Pop Art Picture

Mon 16 February - Screen Print a Tote Bag

Tue 17 February - Shell Jewellery Workshop

Tue 17 February - Pirates & Mermaids Drama Party (4-7 yrs)

Tue 17 February - Smugglers & Ghost Ships Drama Fun (7-11 yrs)

Tue 17 February - Cinema: Wicked For Good *free child ticket

Wed 18 February - Artbox: Watercolour, Collage, & Print (6-16yrs)

Wed 18 February - Silent Disco: Under the Sea

Wed 18 & Thu 19 February - Crafty Kids (Museum of Farnham)

Thu 19 February - Soap Making: "Going to the Beach"

Fri 20 February - Theatre show: Tales from the Lighthouse

Sat 21 February - Cupcake Decorating: Bees & Sunflowers



scan or click here for more information 

farnhammaltings.com/whats-on/half-term

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Hi, we're Mrs Cowles and Miss Sutton, your pastoral team. If you have any questions, are looking for a little guidance or advice, please contact us on:



pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk



07864 721931

Helpful sites and resources

Below we have highlighted a few of our favourite helpful websites and resources for information, guidance and advice.

L-SPA- help and support for concerns regarding development and/or learning needs of your child <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/lspa>

SEND Advice Surrey- information and guidance for families

<https://www.sendadvice.surrey.org.uk/>

National Autistic Society (NAS)- provide a free family support service to Surrey families, with courses, resources and a free Autism advice line <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

Family Voice Surrey-independent guidance to parents and carers of young people with additional needs <https://familyvoicesurrey.org/>

Surrey Family Information Service- provides free information and signposting for families in Surrey

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/contact/about>

Mindworks Surrey- emotional wellbeing, neurodivergent and mental health services for children and young people

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

Stripey Stork- services for families experiencing poverty including clothes, food, school uniform <https://stripeystork.org.uk/>

Barnardos positive parenting service- run 8 week courses for parents/carers of children with, or waiting for, an ADHD diagnosis

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/surrey-positive-parenting-service>

Surrey Family Centres- see here for a list of family centres in your local area and the support they can provide

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/family-centres>

Speech & Language Therapy Team

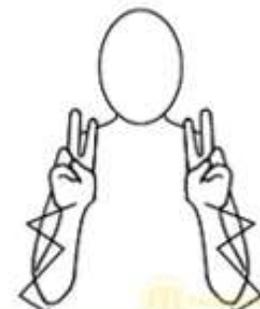
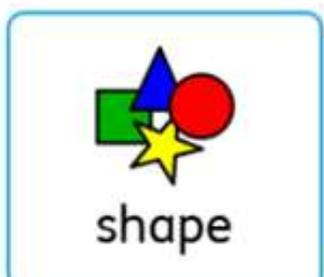
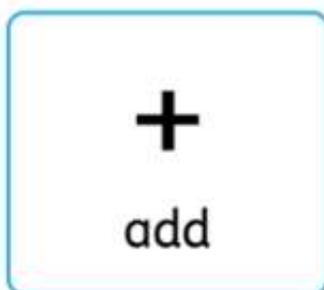
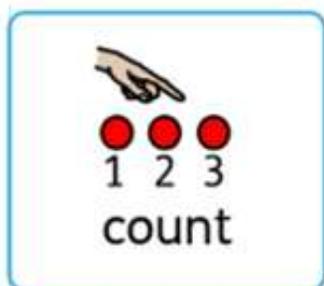
★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 2nd February 2026

This week's champions are:

★ **Aalia and George – Year 8** ★



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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/HLH16NVYVLGU>

If you would like to make a donation to the school you can do so via the Gosden Children First charity page by clicking on this link

<https://wonderful.org/charities/1049925>

You are able to donate directly or to a particular fundraising page that you would like to support.

